

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 4. (canceled)

5. (currently amended): The A computer-based method of claim 4, for displaying storage network monitoring information, comprising:

identifying a topology map for a storage network;

receiving operating information for the storage network;

processing the operating information to determine a performance parameter; and

for a user interface, generating a performance monitoring display including at least a portion of the topology map and a graphical representation of the performance parameter;

wherein the performance parameter is based on data traffic in a data connection of the storage network and wherein the performance parameter representation is displayed to indicate motion, the motion having a direction corresponding to the data traffic in the data connection;

wherein the performance parameter representation is further displayed to move at a speed that is selected to indicate ranges of values for the performance parameter;

wherein the performance parameter representation includes two parallel lines comprising dashes separated by a distance and wherein the dashes in one of the lines moves in a first direction and the other the dashes in the other one of the lines moves in a second direction opposite of the first direction to represent two channel data flow, the performance parameter representation being positioned in the display so as to replace the data connection in the topology map.

6. (original): The method of claim 5, wherein each of the dashed lines is shown to be moving by displaying a dashed line with a first position at a first time and then displaying the dashed line with a second position offset a distance from the first position at a

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second time.

7. (original): The method of claim 5, wherein the dashes in each of the lines have a size selected based on the value of the performance parameter corresponding to each of the lines, wherein the size is selected to be inversely proportionate to the performance parameter corresponding to each of the lines.

8. - 22. (canceled)

23. (new): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a computer process that displays storage area network monitoring information, the computer process comprising:

identifying a topology map for a storage network;

receiving operating information for the storage network;

processing the operating information to determine a performance parameter; and  
for a user interface, generating a performance monitoring display including at least a portion of the topology map and a graphical representation of the performance parameter;

wherein the performance parameter is based on data traffic in a data connection of the storage network and wherein the performance parameter representation is displayed to indicate motion, the motion having a direction corresponding to the data traffic in the data connection;

wherein the performance parameter representation is further displayed to move at a speed that is selected to indicate ranges of values for the performance parameter;

wherein the performance parameter representation includes two parallel lines comprising dashes separated by a distance and wherein the dashes in one of the lines moves in a first direction and the dashes in the other one of the lines moves in a second direction opposite of the first direction to represent two channel data flow, the performance parameter representation being positioned in the display so as to replace the data connection in the topology map.

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24. (new): The computer-readable medium of claim 23 wherein each of the dashed lines is shown to be moving by displaying a dashed line with a first position at a first time and then displaying the dashed line with a second position offset a distance from the first position at a second time.

25. (new): The computer-readable medium of claim 23 wherein the dashes in each of the lines have a size selected based on the value of the performance parameter corresponding to each of the lines, wherein the size is selected to be inversely proportionate to the performance parameter corresponding to each of the lines.